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Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed May 31, 2005, for which the shortened statutory time for reply extends to August 31, 2005 and has been herein extended by one month, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

Amendment to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

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